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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: The Taking of Wild Turkeys – Spring Season
- 2) Code Citation: 17 Ill. Adm. Code 710
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Actions:</u>
710.10	Amendment
710.20	Amendment
710.50	Amendment
710.70	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing and authorized by Sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.20, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.20 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This Part is being amended to make statewide program changes, open and close state-owned or -managed sites, and amend procedures at state sites. Additional amendments are being made to allow for permit cancellations and refunds for unforeseen circumstances, including the closure of State properties resulting from emergency declarations in response to COVID19.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not affect units of local government.
- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
 - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
 - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Small Business Impact Analysis: None
- 15) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: January 2020

The full text of the Proposed Amendments begins on the next page:

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TITLE 17: CONSERVATION

CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCHAPTER b: FISH AND WILDLIFE

PART 710

THE TAKING OF WILD TURKEYS – SPRING SEASON

Section

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710.70	Spring Youth Turkey Hunt

AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by Sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.20, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.20 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5].

SOURCE: Adopted at 4 Ill. Reg. 15, p. 153, effective April 1, 1980; codified at 5 Ill. Reg. 10643; amended at 6 Ill. Reg. 3852, effective March 31, 1982; amended at 7 Ill. Reg. 4208, effective March 25, 1983; amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 5663, effective April 16, 1984; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 6200, effective April 24, 1985; amended at 10 Ill. Reg. 6848, effective April 4, 1986; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 2267, effective January 20, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 5342, effective March 8, 1988; amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 5090, effective April 4, 1989; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 663, effective January 2, 1990; amended at 15 Ill. Reg. 4161, effective March 4, 1991; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 1843, effective January 17, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 3184, effective March 2, 1993; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 1156, effective January 18, 1994; emergency amendment at 18 Ill. Reg. 3751, effective March 1, 1994, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired July 29, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 2450, effective February 17, 1995; emergency amendment at 19 Ill. Reg. 5312, effective April 1, 1995, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired August 29, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 777, effective December 29, 1995; recodified by changing the

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agency name from Department of Conservation to Department of Natural Resources at 20 Ill. Reg. 9389; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 3125, effective March 3, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 2192, effective January 2, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 19568, effective October 23, 1998; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 11956, effective September 21, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 7984, effective May 24, 2000; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 17778, effective November 27, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 14176, effective October 22, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 18028, effective December 6, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 17075, effective October 22, 2003; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 3935, effective February 24, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 20484, effective December 2, 2005; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 1958, effective January 16, 2007; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 16476, effective November 28, 2007; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 19742, effective December 3, 2008; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 4868, effective March 19, 2010; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 3705, effective February 16, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 20588, effective December 9, 2011; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 1898, effective February 4, 2013; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 20688, effective December 12, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 22780, effective November 18, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 10951, effective July 27, 2015; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10630, effective July 20, 2016; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 85, effective December 22, 2016; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 8727, effective June 28, 2017; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 12599, effective September 20, 2017; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 13174, effective June 22, 2018; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 9581, effective August 23, 2019; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 710.10 Hunting Seasons

a) Northern Zone Season Dates:

1 st Season:	Monday, April 12 ¹³ -Friday, April 16 ¹⁷ , 2021 ²⁰²⁰
2 nd Season:	Saturday, April 17 ¹⁸ -Thursday, April 22 ²³ , 2021 ²⁰²⁰
3 rd Season:	Friday, April 23 ²⁴ -Wednesday, April 28 ²⁹ , 2021 ²⁰²⁰
4 th Season:	Thursday, April 29 ³⁰ -Wednesday, May 5 ⁶ , 2021 ²⁰²⁰
5 th Season:	Thursday, May 6 ⁷ -Thursday, May 13 ¹⁴ , 2021 ²⁰²⁰

b) Southern Zone Season Dates:

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1st Season: Monday, April ~~56~~-Friday, April ~~940~~, ~~20212020~~

2nd Season: Saturday, April ~~1044~~-Thursday, April ~~1546~~, ~~20212020~~

3rd Season: Friday, April ~~1647~~-Wednesday, April ~~2122~~, ~~20212020~~

4th Season: Thursday, April ~~2223~~-Wednesday, April ~~2829~~, ~~20212020~~

5th Season: Thursday, April ~~2930~~-Thursday, May ~~67~~, ~~20212020~~

c) Open Counties:

NORTHERN ZONE

Adams
Boone
Brown
Bureau
Calhoun
Carroll
Cass
Champaign
Christian
Clark
Coles
Cumberland
DeKalb
DeWitt
Douglas
Edgar
Ford
Fulton
Greene
Grundy
Hancock
Henderson
Henry
Iroquois

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Jersey
Jo Daviess
Kane
Kankakee
Kendall
Knox
Lake
La Salle
Lee
Livingston
Logan
Macon
Macoupin
Marshall-Putnam
Mason
McDonough
McHenry
McLean
Menard
Mercer
Montgomery
Morgan
Moultrie
Ogle
Peoria
Piatt
Pike
Rock Island
Sangamon
Schuyler
Scott
Shelby
Stark
Stephenson
Tazewell
Vermilion
Warren
Whiteside

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Will
Winnebago
Woodford

SOUTHERN ZONE

Alexander
Bond
Clay
Clinton
Crawford
Edwards
Effingham
Fayette
Franklin
Hamilton
Gallatin-Hardin
Jackson
Jasper
Jefferson
Johnson
Lawrence
Madison
Marion
Massac
Monroe
Perry
Pope
Pulaski
Randolph
Richland
Saline
St. Clair
Union
Wabash
Washington
Wayne
White
Williamson

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- d) Permit quotas shall be set by the Department of Natural Resources on a county or special hunt area basis.

(Source: Amended at 44 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 710.20 Statewide Turkey Permit Requirements

- a) All turkey hunters must have a current, valid Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Permit. Lifetime licenses issued after August 15, 2006 shall not qualify a non-resident of Illinois for a resident turkey permit. All hunters, except those exempted by Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.1] are also required to obtain a hunting license before hunting wild turkey. Fees for spring turkey permits are as follows:
- 1) Permits issued via lottery by Permit Office:
Illinois Resident lottery permit – \$15
Nonresident lottery permit – \$125
 - 2) Over-the-Counter (OTC) Permits sold by license vendors pursuant to subsection (g); all prices include vendor's issuing fee:
Illinois Resident OTC Permit – \$15.50
Nonresident OTC Permit – \$125.50
- b) Permits are issued for a specific county or area and are valid only in the county or area designated on the permit. Applications for wild turkey permits shall be completed and submitted by visiting one of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' DNR license vendors, by applying on-line at www.dnr.illinois.gov or by writing to:
- Department of Natural Resources – Spring Turkey
One Natural Resources Way
P.O. Box 19446
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9446
- c) Applicants must supply all information necessary to complete the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected and fees returned. Each applicant must submit payment for his/her individual application at the time of application.

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Permits are allocated via computerized lottery drawings held in Springfield, Illinois. Permits are not transferable. For the purpose of this Section, "transfer" means the modification or changing, by the Department or any other person, individual or group, of the name or location of an issued permit to another person or location.~~Not more than 6 applications may be submitted for group hunters.~~

- d) Applications from Illinois residents will be accepted through December 1 for the First Lottery Drawing. Applicants for the First Lottery Drawing that have applied for or already are in possession of a valid landowner permit are not eligible to apply for the First Lottery Drawing. Applications received in the permit office after December 1 will be included in the next computerized drawing. ~~Permits are not transferable and refunds will not be granted. Permits will be allocated in a computerized drawing to be held in Springfield.~~ Applicants rejected in this drawing will receive preference in the next year's drawing for spring season permits subject to guidelines outlined in subsection (h). Only one application may be submitted per applicant for the First Lottery Drawing.
- e) Permits not issued during the First Lottery Drawing~~first computerized drawing~~ will be available in a Second Lottery Drawing. Applications for this drawing will be accepted through the first working day after January 10. Applications received after this date will be included in the next drawing. All hunters ~~not receiving a permit in the first computerized drawing and non residents~~ are eligible to apply for permits remaining for this Second Lottery Drawing, but hunters who have not already been awarded a permit will receive preference in the Second Lottery Drawing. Only one application may be submitted per applicant for the Second Lottery Drawing.~~All resident permit applications will receive preference over non-resident applications.~~
- f) Permits not issued during the first two lottery drawings will be available in the Third Lottery Drawing.~~Any hunter who has not received a permit, and hunters that have received only one permit, may apply for a first or a second permit in a third computerized lottery drawing for the remaining permits. All resident permit applications will receive preference over non-resident applications.~~ Applications for this Third Lottery Drawing will be accepted through the first working day after February 8. Applications received after this date will be rejected and fees refunded. Applicants may submit up to three applications for the Third Lottery Drawing. No applicant may exceed the limit of, or receive more than, three permits in total for spring turkey hunting, including lottery drawings, OTC, youth

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and landowner permits.

- g) Permits remaining after the Third Lottery Drawing will be available ~~over the counter~~ (OTC) from agents designated by the Department (pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2520) beginning the second Tuesday in March on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted, or until the close of the specific turkey season segment (i.e., of seasons 1 through-5) in ~~the~~ Zone (north vs. south) for which the permit is being requested. ~~Hunters~~ Persons may purchase one or more permits during this period, subject to availability, except that no one may exceed the limit of three permits in total for spring turkey hunting, including lottery drawn, OTC, youth and landowner permits.
- h) The following criteria must be met to obtain preference in the first computerized drawing:
 - 1) The applicant must apply using the official agency application.
 - 2) The applicant must be a resident of the State, be eligible to receive a spring turkey permit, and not had turkey hunting privileges revoked.
 - 3) The applicant must apply for the same county and season choices which he/she listed on the previous year's application. Preference will not be granted for special hunt areas as listed in Section 710.25 or for permit areas listed in Section 710.50(c).
- i) A \$3 service fee will be charged for replacement permits issued by the Department.
- j) The periods for accepting applications for the lotteries may be extended if applications are not available to the public by November 1. A news release will announce the extension of the application periods.
- k) It shall be unlawful to:
 - 1) Submit applications before the second computerized lottery drawing for more than one permit for the same person.
 - 2) Submit applications before the third computerized lottery drawing for

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more than two permits for the same person.

- 3) Apply for or receive more than three permits for the spring turkey season. The three-permit total includes lottery drawn, OTC, youth and any landowner ~~permits~~ permit or youth turkey permit received.
- 4) Provide false and/or deceptive information on a permit application form. In addition to criminal charges, individuals found guilty of violating this Section~~section~~ shall have their applications~~application~~ rejected, permit revoked, and fees forfeited. Rejection, revocation and forfeiture is subject to the notice and hearing requirements as set out in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2530.

l) Refunds and Cancellations

- 1) A refund shall be issued by the Department for a permit that has been granted, or for an application that has been submitted, under the following circumstances:
 - A) The State managed or owned site for which the permit was issued was closed due to a national or State issued emergency or disaster declaration or any other emergency circumstance that resulted in the Department closing access to the hunting site, park or area. Issued permits shall be cancelled by the Department. This subsection (1) shall include, but is not limited to, closure of State parks, fish and wildlife areas, and recreation areas by the Department as a response to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation regarding COVID-19 or Department closures in relation to such proclamation or extensions; or
 - B) The applicant for a permit was unsuccessful in obtaining a permit in the lottery for which they applied; or
 - C) Upon the request of the permit holder, a permit was issued due to an error of the Department, the OTC point-of-sale vendor or the applicant. The permit that was issued in error and the request for a refund must be delivered to the Department before the last day of the season listed on the permit. Permits shall be considered

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delivered to the Department if the permit is received by the Department at its headquarters in Springfield, Illinois or postmarked before the last day of the season listed on the permit; or

D) Upon the return of an issued permit to the Department before the first day of the season listed on the issued permit. Permits shall be considered delivered to the Department if the permit is received by the Department at its headquarters in Springfield, Illinois or postmarked before the first day of the season listed on the permit. No refund shall be issued under this subsection (1)(1)(D) if the permit is returned or postmarked after the first day of the season listed on the permit.

2) A permit shall be cancelled if a refund is approved pursuant to subsections (1)(1)(A), (C), or (D). Once a permit has been cancelled, such cancelled permit shall not count towards the total number of permits that an applicant may obtain for the Spring Turkey Hunting Season.

3) Upon the request of a permit holder, a refund may be issued by the Department for a permit that has been granted under the following circumstances:

A) A medical condition or death of the permit holder that prevented the permit holder from hunting. A death certificate or medical documentation showing that the permit holder was unable to or advised not to hunt may be required by the Department before any refund is issued. Requests must be made within 90 days of the start of the season that the permit was issued for and must accompany the return of the permit to the Department at its headquarters in Springfield, Illinois. No refunds shall be issued under this subsection if the request or permit is delivered to the Department at its headquarters in Springfield, Illinois or postmarked 90 days after the first day of the season listed on the permit; or

B) The permit holder was unable to travel or use the permit that was issued to them due to a national or State issued emergency or

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disaster declaration that resulted in a danger to the health or safety of the permit holder had they attempted to use the issued permit. Requests must be made within 60 days of the start of the season for which the permit was issued for and must accompany the return of the permit to the Department at its headquarters in Springfield, Illinois. No refund shall be issued under this subsection (1)(3)(B) if the request or permit is delivered or postmarked 60 days after the first day of the season listed on the permit.

C) A permit holder choosing not to, or being unable to, use the issued spring turkey hunting permit due to the COVID-19 Gubernatorial Proclamations. Request for refunds on the basis of the COVID-19 disaster period must include the unused issued permit. The request for refund must be submitted to, and the unused permit that was issued for a spring turkey hunting season during the COVID-19 disaster period must be returned to, the Department at its headquarters in Springfield, Illinois or postmarked on or before December 1, 2020. No refund shall be issued on this basis if the request and issued unused permit is received or postmarked after December 1, 2020.

D) A permit that was issued due to an error of the Department, the OTC point-of-sale vendor, or the applicant, if the permit is returned to the Department before the last day of the season for which the permit that was issued.

m) Group Hunt Application Requirements

- 1) Up to six individuals may apply to hunt as a group during the First and Second Lottery Drawings. Group hunt applications will not be accepted for the Third Lottery as all application will be processed individually.
- 2) Each individual must sign his or her own paper applications.
- 3) Groups must identify a group leader, and all applicants must provide the same group leader in their application. For online applications, the group leader customer ID number must be included on all group members' applications.

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- 4) Groups must list the same county or special hunt area of choice and complete, in an identical fashion, all options regarding hunting locations and the season choices. This does not include the personal identification information of the applicant or type of permit.
- 5) In order to receive preference for the group hunt, all members must have the same county of choice. If any member does not designate the group's county of choice, the entire group will not receive preference.
- 6) Applicants applying as a group will be rejected if they do not list the identical information as all other members of the applicant group, other than the applicant's personal identification information.
- 7) Group applications will be accepted for the First Lottery Drawing. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. All members of the group must be Illinois residents.
- 8) Group applications will be accepted for the Second Lottery Drawing. Only one application per hunter will be accepted.
- 9) Since applicants that have not been awarded a permit are given preference for permits allocated in the Secondary Lottery Drawing, groups containing both applicants that have not been awarded a permit and applicants that have been awarded a permit will not receive preference in the Second Lottery Drawing.
- 10) Providing false information on an application is a violation of 520 ILCS 5/2.38.

(Source: Amended at 44 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 710.50 Regulations at Various Department-Owned or -Managed Sites

- a) Hunters who intend to hunt Department sites and who have a physical disability that requires special accommodations are encouraged to contact the site superintendent at least 10 days before the date they wish to hunt. The site superintendent will make reasonable accommodations necessary to allow the

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disabled person to participate in the hunting experience at the site. Disabled hunters who require an aide or assistant with them during the hunt are responsible for providing the aide or assistant and notifying the site superintendent that an assistant will be present, and whether the assistant will also be hunting.

- b) Hunters must sign in/sign out at all sites that are followed by a (1). Sites that require use of windshield cards by hunters as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10 are followed by a (2).
- c) Statewide regulations shall apply for the following sites:
 - Alvah Borah State Habitat Area (2)
 - Anderson Lake State Conservation Area (1)
 - Argyle Lake State Park (2)
 - Cache River State Natural Area (1)
 - Campbell Pond State Wildlife Management Area (2)
 - Cape Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)
 - Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)
 - Copperhead Hollow State Wildlife Area (2)
 - Cretaceous Hills State Natural Area (2)
 - Cypress Pond State Natural Area (1)
 - Deer Pond State Natural Area (1)
 - Devil's Island State Fish and Wildlife Area
 - Dog Island State Wildlife Management Area (2)
 - Ferne Clyffe State Park – Cedar Draper Bluff Hunting Area (1)

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Flag Pond State Natural Area

Fort de Chartres State Historic Site (muzzleloading shotgun or archery only; no in-line muzzleloading shotguns or muzzleloaders with scopes allowed) (1)

~~Fort Massac State Park (2)~~

Giant City State Park (1)

Horseshoe Lake State Conservation Area – Alexander County (controlled goose hunting area and public hunting area only) (1)

Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County) – Gabaret, Mosenthein, Chouteau Island Units (all hunters must obtain a free site permit)

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area (no hunting east of and within 50 yards of the defined Baldwin Lake Waterfowl Rest Area's main north-south road, within 100 yards of any house or building, or south of the Dry Lake access road; a hunter with a P-2 handicapped certification, accompanied by a non-hunting attendant, may hunt at the site's designated handicapped hunting spot within this closed area; the hunting spot will be allocated on a first come-first served basis or via a drawing, if needed, held at the site office) (1)

Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, Gardner Division

Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area (Pools 25 and 26)

Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24

Nauvoo State Park (Max Rowe Unit only) (2)

Oakford State Conservation Area

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Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area (except South Subunit)
(1)

Pere Marquette State Park (designated area only) (2)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Rend Lake Project Lands and Waters except Wayne Fitzgerald State Park

Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sanganois State Conservation Area (2)

Sielbeck Forest State Natural Area (2)

Skinner Farm State Habitat Area (1)

Trail of Tears State Forest (1)

Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Union County State Conservation Area – Firing Line Unit and Public
Hunting Area only (1)

Weinberg-King State Park (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Cecil White Unit) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Spunky Bottoms Unit) (2)

Wildcat Hollow State Habitat Area (2)

Wise Ridge State Natural Area

- d) Statewide regulations shall apply except that all hunting is allowed by site-specific permit only. The Department of Natural Resources allocates permits for these areas through the lottery process set forth in Section 710.20. This permit is only valid for the specific site and season indicated on the permit.

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Apple River Canyon State Park – Thompson and Salem Units (2)

Beaver Dam State Park (2)

Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Big River State Forest (2)

Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Butterfield Trail State Recreation Area (2)

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – East Fork Management Unit (2)

Castle Rock State Park (2)

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (2)

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Dixon Springs State Park ~~(youth under the age of 18 prior to the first day of the season only)~~ (1)

Eagle Creek State Park (first two seasons only) (2)

Eldon Hazlet State Park (2)

Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area (2)

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area (1)

Fort Massac State Park ~~(youth under the age of 18 prior to the first day of the season only)~~ (1)

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Fox Ridge State Park (2)

French Bluff State Natural Area (2)

Green River State Wildlife Area (2)

Hamilton County State Conservation Area (2)

Hanover Bluff State Natural Area (2)

Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area (2)

Hidden Springs State Forest (2)

Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County)

Iroquois County State Wildlife Area (2)

Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park (2)

Jubilee College State Park (1)

Kankakee River State Park (hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon) (1)

Kickapoo State Park (2)

Kishwaukee River State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Lowden Miller State Forest (2)

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Marseilles State Fish and Wildlife Area (site is open to hunting Monday through Thursday only; hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until 8:30 a.m. with potential additional hunting hours being posted by the site;

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unauthorized personnel may not be on the site outside of the posted check station operating hours; hunters may only enter the site from designated parking lots) (1)

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Matthiessen State Park (South of Vermilion River Area) (1)

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Meeker State Habitat Area (2)

Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Management Area (2)

Mississippi Palisades State Park (closed during the fifth season) (2)

Momence Wetlands (1)

Moraine View State Park (no hunting on weekends during 4th and 5th season) (2)

Morrison Rockwood State Park (closed during the fifth season) (1)

Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center

Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Paul C. Burrus State Habitat Area (2)

Pere Marquette State Park (Piasa, Quotoga, Potawatomi Camp Areas) (no hunting allowed on weekends) (2)

Pyramid State Park (2)

Pyramid State Park – Captain Unit (2)

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Pyramid State Park – Denmark Unit (2)

Pyramid State Park – East Conant Unit (2)

Pyramid State Park – Galum Unit (2)

Rall Woods State Natural Area (2)

Ramsey Lake State Park (2)

Randolph County State Conservation Area (a handicapped hunter with a P-2 handicapped certification, accompanied by a non-hunting attendant, wanting to hunt at one of the site's two designated handicapped hunting spots is not required to have a site-specific permit; these hunting spots will be allocated on a first come-first served basis or via a drawing, if needed, held at the site office) (1)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area – Dutch Creek Unit (2)

Red Hills State Park (2)

Red Hills State Park/Chauncey Marsh (2)

Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sam Dale Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sand Ridge State Forest (2)

Sandy Ford State Natural Area

Sangamon County State Conservation Area

Sanganois State Conservation Area (Squirrel Timber Unit) (2)

Sangchris Lake State Park

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Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area (must have valid permit for Lake Shelbyville Project Lands – Moultrie County) (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (Buckhorn Unit) (2)

Spoon River State Forest (2)

Starved Rock State Park (1)

Stephen A. Forbes State Park (2)

Tapley Woods State Natural Area (2)

Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Vesely Land and Water Reserve (2)

Washington County State Conservation Area (1)

Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area

Weinberg-King State Park (Scripps Unit) (2)

Weldon Springs State Park – Piatt County Unit (2)

Winston Tunnel State Natural Area (2)

Witkowski State Wildlife Area (2)

Wolf Creek State Park (first 2 seasons only) (2)

Zoeller State Natural Area (2)

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Section 710.70 Spring Youth Turkey Hunt

- a) Hunting Dates: March ~~27~~²⁸ and ~~28~~²⁹, ~~2021~~²⁰²⁰ and April ~~34~~ and ~~45~~, ~~2021~~²⁰²⁰. The North Zone and South Zone are open concurrently for all 4 days.
- b) Open Counties: All counties listed in Section 710.10 are open to Spring Youth Turkey Hunting.
- c) Eligibility: The Spring Youth Turkey Hunt is open only to hunters who have not reached the age of 18 prior to the opening date of the youth season. Hunters must have an apprentice or youth hunting license, or they must have completed a State-approved Hunter Education course and have a hunting license, unless exempt. In addition, hunters must have a Habitat Stamp, unless exempt.
- d) Permit Requirements – Spring Youth Turkey Hunt
- 1) All youth hunters must have a current, valid Youth Turkey Hunt Permit (\$10). Hunters are eligible to purchase only one Youth Turkey Hunt Permit. Hunting without a permit is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.9).
 - 2) For a county permit: Youth Turkey Hunt Permits valid for counties open to youth turkey hunting will be available for sale over-the-counter (OTC) from agents beginning the first Tuesday in March through the last day of the Youth Turkey Season.
 - 3) For a Special Hunt Area permit: Youth hunters may apply online (<http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/turkey.htm>) for a site-specific permit valid for one of the Special Hunt Areas. The application period begins the third Tuesday in January and ends the third Monday in February. Permits will be allocated via a lottery drawing in which Illinois residents will be given preference.
 - 4) The applicants must not have had their hunting privileges suspended or revoked in this State or any other state.
 - 5) A \$3 service fee will be charged for replacement permits issued by the Department, except when permits are lost in the mail, there will be no

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charge. Monies derived from this source will be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.

- 6) The Youth Turkey Hunt Permit shall be valid only for the dates and counties/Special Hunt Area listed on the permit.
 - 7) A permit issued for the Youth Turkey Hunt will count toward the maximum number of permits (Section 710.20(j)(3)) an individual can receive for the Spring Wild Turkey Season.
- e) Youth Turkey Hunting Regulations
- 1) Each hunter participating in the Illinois Youth Turkey Hunt while using an Apprentice Hunter License or Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by a non-hunting, validly-licensed (Illinois hunting license) adult who is 21 years of age or older.
 - 2) All other hunters (using other types of hunting licenses or license-exempt) participating in the Youth Turkey Hunt must each be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent, guardian or responsible adult). If the youth is hunting with a firearm, a nonresident supervisor must have a valid Illinois hunting license.
 - 3) The non-hunting supervisor must remain with the hunting youth so as to have the youth under immediate control. Each supervisor may only accompany a single youth at any given time during the hunt. The supervising adult shall be criminally liable for the actions of the youth in the hunting party and shall be subject to the criminal penalties provided by law.
 - 4) All regulations prescribed by Section 710.30 apply during the Youth Turkey Hunt.
- f) The following sites will be open to holders of a valid Youth Turkey Hunt Permit for the county in which the site is located. Persons wishing to hunt one of the listed sites should contact that site prior to hunting for information about site regulations and restrictions. Sites that require use of windshield cards by hunters as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10 are followed by a (2).

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Anderson Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Apple River Canyon State Park – Thompson and Salem Units (2)

Argyle Lake State Park

Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (Whiteside County)

Big River State Forest (2)

Cache River State Natural Area

Cape Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – East Fork Management Unit
(2)

Copperhead Hollow State Wildlife Area (2)

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Public Hunting Area

Crawford County State Fish Wildlife Area

Cypress Pond State Natural Area

Deer Pond State Natural Area

Devil's Island State Fish and Wildlife Area

Dog Island State Wildlife Management Area

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Cedar Draper State Habitat Area

Giant City State Park

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Green River State Wildlife Area (2)

Hanover Bluff State Natural Area (2)

Horseshoe Lake State Conservation Area – Alexander County

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area

Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Lake Shelbyville Project Land (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed)
– Moultrie County

Lake Shelbyville Project Land (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed)
– Shelby County

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area

Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

[Mississippi River Area Pools 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26](#)

Moraine View State Park (2)

~~[Mississippi River Area Pools 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26](#)~~

Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center (1)

Nauvoo State Park (Max Rowe Unit Only) (2)

Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Pere Marquette State Park (open area east of Graham Hollow Road only)
(2)

Pyramid State Park (2)

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Pyramid State Park – East Conant Unit (2)

Rall Woods State Natural Area (2)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Rend Lake Corps of Engineers-managed land in Jefferson and Franklin Counties

Rend Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sielbeck Forest State Natural Area (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (Buckhorn Unit) (2)

Skinner Farm State Habitat Area

Spoon River State Forest (2)

Tapley Woods State Natural Area (2)

~~Trail of Tears State Forest~~

Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area

Trail of Tears State Forest

Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area

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Union County State Conservation Area

Weinberg-King State Park (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Cecil White Unit) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Scripps Unit) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Spunky Bottoms Unit) (2)

Winston Tunnel State Natural Area (2)

Wise Ridge State Natural Area

Witkowsky State Wildlife Area (2)

- g) Statewide regulations shall apply except that all hunting is allowed by site-specific permit only. The Department of Natural Resources allocates permits for these areas through the lottery process set forth in Section 710.70(d). This permit is only valid for the specific site and season indicated on the permit.

Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Butterfield Trail State Recreation Area (2)

Castle Rock State Park (2)

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (2)

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Closed Portion)

[Dixon Springs State Park](#)

Eldon Hazlet State Park (2)

Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area (2)

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Ferne Clyffe State Park – Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area

[Fort Massac State Park \(2\)](#)

Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area (2)

Heidecke State Fish and Wildlife Area (Jugtown Unit)

Hidden Springs State Forest (2)

Iroquois County State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area

Kankakee River State Park

Kickapoo State Recreation Area (2)

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Momence Wetlands

Ramsey Lake State Park (2)

Sam Dale Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sand Ridge State Forest

Sangchris Lake State Park

Stephen A. Forbes State Park (2)

Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area

Weldon Springs – Piatt County Unit (2)

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